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ANNUAL REPORTS

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TOWN OFFICERS

(Elected biennially)

Supervisors Check List

Charles J. Brewster

James W. Rollins

John Chase

(Elected annually)

Town Clerk

Charles N. Lane

Selectmen

Geo. M. Hall

Charles H. Chase

G. Arthur Gowen

Treasurer

Geo. L. Barker

Collector of Taxes

James E. Stockbridge

Auditors

W. Leslie Dining

Frank H. Pearson

Board of Education

Marshall Chase

Willard Barker

Walter A. Scammon

(Trustees of Trust Funds)

Geo. W. Dixon

Frank H. Pearson

Walter A. Scammon

(Appointed)

Board of Health

Fred N. Edmunds

Police

Melvin D. Stickney

Selectmen's Report

Land and Buildings.....	\$467,196.00
Horses, 174.....	17,170.00
Mules, 2.....	200.00
Cows, 512.....	30,690.00
Neat stock, 67.....	2,025.00
Sheep, 16.....	80.00
Hens.....	5,530.00
Vehicles, 9.....	2,275.00
Mills, 3.....	450.00
Boats, 1.....	75.00
Wood.....	2,900.00
Stock in trade.....	4,650.00
Gasoline pumps.....	600.00

\$533,841.00

Soldiers' exemption.....	5,000.00
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\$528,841.00

Rate, \$2.90

School rate, \$1.38.

APPROPRIATIONS

State tax.....	\$1,058.00
County tax.....	1,205.94
Trunk line maintenance.....	880.00
Tractor snow plow.....	1,800.00
Highway by law.....	1,322.00
White pine blister rust.....	400.00
Cutting bushes.....	200.00
Schools.....	7,223.19
Overlay.....	445.00

\$14,534.13

Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the 10th day of March next, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400.00 to eradicate white pine blister rust.
4. To see if town will vote to paint Wiggin Memorial Library, raise and appropriate money for same.
5. To see if town will vote to accept state aid for highway improvement, raise and appropriate money for same.
6. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.
7. To see if town will vote for federal aid reconstruction, raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for same.

Given under our hand and seal the 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

GEORGE M. HALL,
CHAS. H. CHASE,
G. ARTHUR GOWEN,

Selectmen of Stratham

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEO. M. HALL,
CHAS. H. CHASE
G. ARTHUR GOWEN,

Selectmen of Stratham.

Financial Report

Of the Town of Stratham, in Rockingham County, for the Fiscal
Year Ending January 31, 1925

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report
was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our
knowledge and belief.

Date Feb. 16.

GEO. M. HALL,
CHAS. H. CHASE,
G. ARTHUR GOWEN,

Selectmen.

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash:

In hands of treasurer (do not include sinking funds) . .	\$2,110.05
In hands of officials.	262.10

Accounts Due to the Town:

Due from State:

Joint Highway Accounts, Unexpended Balances in State Treasury.	48.17
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Due from County.	257.75
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Taxes not collected:

Levy of 1923.....	27.68
Levy of 1924.....	1,672.88
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Total Assets.....	\$4,478.63
Net Debt—Surplus, January 31, 1924.....	\$1,633.60
Net Debt—Surplus, January 31, 1925.....	446.51
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Increase of debt.....	\$1,187.09

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Due to School Districts:

Dog licenses.....	79.25
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State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:

Unexpended balance in State Treasury.....	48.17
Unexpended balance in Town Treasury.....	324.70

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Tractor Snow plow.....	3,600.00
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Total Liabilities.....	\$4,032.12
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus).....	446.51

Grand Total.....	\$4,478.63
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UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION, RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1924.	\$15,666.08
Less discount and abatement, 1924	283.52
Less uncollected, 1924.	1,672.88
Property taxes, current year, actually collected.	\$13,709.68
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected at \$5.	1,385.00
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected	1,162.38

Total of above collections

\$16,257.06

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries.....	\$686.58
Town officers' expenses.....	262.40
Election and registration expenses...	87.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings.....	223.03

Protection of Persons and Property:

Fire Department, including forest fires	106.90
Moth extermination, white pine blister rust.....	400.00
Damage by dogs.....	10.00

Health:

Health department, including hospital	27.40
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Highways and Bridges:

Trunk Line maintenance.....	1,600.00
Town maintenance.....	2,214.13
General expenses of highway depart- ment, including watering troughs..	5,332.98

Libraries:

Libraries.....	191.70
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Charities:

Town Poor.....	26.40
County poor.....	257.75

Patriotic Purposes:

Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day exer- cises.....	7.00
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Recreation:

Park and playgrounds, including band concerts.....	15.90
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Receipts (Concluded)

From State:

For highways:

For Trunk Line main- tenance.....	172.71
Interest and dividend tax	305.89
Insurance tax.....	27.75
Railroad tax.....	141.96
Savings bank tax.....	599.62

From County:

For support of poor.....	133.00
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From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses.....	89.25
Rent of town hall.....	18.50
Interest received on taxes	60.77
Permits for the registra- tion of motor vehicles.	950.04
Cemetery lot.....	15.00

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Long term notes during year.....	\$3,600.00
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Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue	\$3,600.00
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$22,376.55
Cash on hand, February 1, 1924	1,633.60

Grand Total.....	\$24,010.15
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Payments (Concluded).

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, including hearse hire	23.50
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Unclassified:

Taxes bought by town	87.00
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Abatements	71.38
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$11,631.05
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Taxes paid to State	\$1,518.00
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Taxes paid to County	1,204.94
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Payments to School Districts	7,445.11
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Total Payments to Other Governmental

Divisions	\$10,169.05
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$21,800.10
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Cash on hand, January 31, 1925	\$2,210.05
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Grand Total	\$24,010.15
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description and Value

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$5,000.00
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Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
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Libraries, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
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Furniture and Equipment	500.00
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Parks, Commons, and Playgrounds	3,000.00
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Schools, Lands and Buildings	8,000.00
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Equipment	2,500.00
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Total	\$30,000.00
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Budget of the Town of Stratham

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, Jan. 31, 1925 to Jan. 31, 1926, compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, Jan. 21, 1924 to Jan. 31, 1925.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous year 1924	Estimated Revenue Ensuing year, 1924	Increase	Decrease
From State:				
Insurance Tax.....	\$27.75	\$27.75		
Railroad Tax.....	151.71	151.71		
Savings Bank Bond.....	700.00	700.00		
For Trunk Line Maintenance..	1,772.71	1,600.00		\$172.71
Interest and Dividend Tax...	305.89	305.89		
From Local Sources Except Taxes:				
All Licenses and Permits except Dog Licenses.....	905.15	1,000.00	\$94.85	
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings.....	18.50	18.50		
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits.....	60.77	60.77		
From Poll Taxes.....	1,150.00	1,150.00		
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes.....	3,600.00			3,600.00
Revenue Which Must be Paid to Other Governmental Divisions:				
Dog Tax.....	89.25	89.25		
Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes:.....	\$8,871.73	\$3,503.87		
Amt. Raised by Property Taxes.	\$15,639.36	15,639.36		
Total Revenues.....	\$24,421.09	\$20,743.23	\$94.85	\$3,772.71

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures Previous year, 1924	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing year, 1925	Increase	Decrease
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$686.58	\$686.58		
Town Officers' Expenses	262.40	262.40		
Election and Registration Ex- penses	87.00			\$87.00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall..				
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	223.03	223.03		
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Fire Department	106.90	106.90		
Pine Blister Rust	400.00	400.00		
Health:				
Health Department	27.40	27.40		
Trunk Line Maintenance:				
State's Contribution	1,772.71	1,772.71		
Town's Contribution	1,600.00	1,500.00		100.00
Town Maintenance	2,214.13	2,214.13		
General Expense of Highway Department	5,332.98	2,000.00		3,332.98
Education:				
Libraries	191.70	191.70		
Charities:				
Town Poor	26.40			26.40
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and Other Cele- brations	7.00	4.00		3.00
Recreation:				
Parks and Playgrounds	15.90	15.90		
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	23.50	23.50		
Interest:				
On Temporary Loans		180.00	180.00	
Payments to Other Government- al Divisions:				
State Taxes	1,058.00	1,058.00		
County Taxes	1,205.94	1,205.94		
Payments to School Districts	7,445.11	7,445.11		
Total Expenditures	\$22,686.68	\$19,317.30	\$180.00	\$3,549.38

Report of Trust Funds

Town of Stratham

For Fiscal Year Ending Jan. 31, 1925

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Date, February 6, 1925.

GEORGE W. DIXON,
FRANK H. PEARSON,
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,

Trustees.

February 6, 1925.

I have this day examined the account of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. LESLIE DINING,

Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, ON JANUARY 31, 1925.

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS—Purpose of Creation	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
						\$29.75	\$29.75	15
	Amanda H. Lane, Library Fund.....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	\$700.00	4 1/4		\$29.75	\$29.75	\$1.87
	Andrew Wiggin, care of Cemetery Lot....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	100.00	4 1/4	\$1.87	4.25	4.25	1.57
	James W. Foss, care of Cemetery Lot....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	75.00	4 1/4	1.38	3.19	3.00	4.01
April 18, 1919	Sarah Downes, care of Cemetery Lot.....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	50.00	4 1/4	2.69	2.07	.75	2.95
Oct. 30, 1920	Frank P. Leavitt, care of Cemetery Lot....	Lib. Loan, 4th Issue	100.00	4 1/4	2.95	4.25	4.25	5.84
Jan. 14, 1922	Elizabeth Wood, care of Cemetery Lot....	Lib. Loan, 4th Issue	150.00	4 1/4	5.46	6.38	6.00	
	John Scammon, care of lot in upper cemetery in which John Scammon and John J. Scammon are buried.....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	100.00	4 1/4	3.00	4.25	2.50	4.75
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, Library Fund.....	Piscataqua Sav. Bank	200.00	3 1/2	6.71	6.71	6.71	4.06
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, care of Cemetery Lot....		100.00	3 1/2	2.21	3.35	1.50	
	Difference between market value and par value of bonds purchased.....		25.00	4 1/4	4.24	1.07		5.31

Treasurer's Report

Receipts 1924—1925

Balance on hand.....	\$1,633.60
J. E. Stockbridge, Collector.....	16,269.83
Stewart E. Rowe, County Treasurer.....	138.00
Exeter Banking Co., Notes.....	3,600.00
Lloyd K. Snell, Cemetery Lot.....	15.00
State Treasurer, Supplemental Savings Bank Tax.....	70.42
State Treasurer, Interest and Dividend Tax.....	305.89
State Treasurer, Highway Department.....	172.71
Charles J. Brewster, Janitor, Town Hall.....	18.50
Charles N. Lane, Automobile Permits.....	950.04
Charles N. Lane, Dog Tax.....	89.25
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Total Receipts.....	\$23,263.24
Paid on Selectmen's Orders.....	21,053.19
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Balance on Hand.....	\$2,210.05

GEORGE L. BARKER,

Treasurer.

February 2, 1925.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Treasurer Geo. L. Barker and find it correctly cast, properly vouched and a balance on hand of twenty two hundred and ten dollars and five cents. (\$2,210.05).

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

GEORGE M. HALL, SALARY AS SELECTMAN

Mar.	10	Posting highway notices.....	\$1.50
	15	Portsmouth Tax Commission.....	4.00
	18	In session.....	3.00
April	16 and 17.	In session.....	6.00
	22	Portsmouth.....	3.00
		Exeter on town business.....	1.50
	24	Drawing juror.....	1.00
May	2	Portsmouth, town business.....	2.00
May	9	Making returns, R. R. stock.....	2.00
	9	Making returns, Adjutant Gen.....	2.00
	9	Making returns, Tax Commission.....	2.00
		Making taxes.....	25.00
		Copying Tax Collector's book.....	4.00
		To Chase & Gowens.....	1.00
		Stamps.....	.50
		Portsmouth.....	2.00
June	16	No. Hampton.....	1.50
	17	Inspecting blister rust.....	1.50
	30	To Chase & Gowens.....	1.00
July	8	Portsmouth on town business.....	2.00
	10	Making report State Board Charities.....	1.00
	14	Inspecting Winnicutt bridge.....	1.00
Sept.	3	Exeter.....	1.50
	22	One day on town business.....	3.00
	27	Exeter.....	1.50
		Copying invoice.....	6.00
Oct.	3	Newfields.....	1.50
		Posting Warrants.....	1.50
		Inspecting Winnicutt bridge.....	1.50
	11	Evening sessions.....	11.00
Jan.	30 and 31	In session.....	6.00
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			\$102.00

TOWN OF STRATHAM TO CHAS. H. CHASE

Mar.	1	Day in session.....	\$3.00
April	2	Day in session.....	6.00
		Taking inventory.....	20.00

April	2	Drawing juror	1.00
		Locating telephone poles	1.00
Jan.	2	days in session	6.00
	11	Evening sessions	11.00
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			\$48.00

TOWN OF STRATHAM TO G. ARTHUR GOWEN, Dr.

April 1 to 4	4	days taking inventory	20.00
April	2	days in Session	6.00
Jan. 30-31	2	days in session	6.00
	11	evening meetings	11.00
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			\$43.00

REPORT OF CHAS. J. BREWSTER, SUPT. STATE HIGHWAY, YEAR 1924

	Snow Paths	State Aid Maintenance	Total
Chas. J. Brewster, team	\$22.14	\$504.00	\$526.14
Chas. J. Brewster, freight bills		16.30	16.30
E. S. Cooper, team	9.50	144.50	154.00
W. G. Parkman, team		48.00	48.00
G. H. Bowley, team		72.25	72.25
G. R. Brewster, team		49.00	49.00
J. E. Chase, team		52.00	52.00
Jos. Fisk, team		21.00	21.00
E. B. Kinne, laborer	15.93		15.93
H. J. Syphers, team	3.50	115.50	119.00
J. T. Roby, team	11.25		11.25
Forest Wentworth, labor	2.25	1.50	3.75
C. R. Bown, labor	3.75	31.90	35.65
W. Saunders, labor	4.50		4.50
Geo. Dixon, labor	3.00		3.00
Geo. Champan, labor	29.50		29.50
Chas. Larrabee, labor		72.50	72.50
L. Jordan, labor		38.25	38.25
G. Cammett, labor		48.00	48.00
Maurice Lane, labor		16.50	16.50
Carl Champan, labor		12.50	12.50

	Snow Paths	State Aid Maintenance	Total
Geo. Dearborn, labor.....		82.50	82.50
Wm. Wentworth, labor.....		20.00	20.00
D. C. Champan, labor.....		27.50	27.50
J. F. Emery, labor.....		1.50	1.50
Oliver Chase, labor.....		9.00	9.00
Roy Mayo, labor.....		12.00	12.00
Henry Blaney, labor.....		12.00	12.00
K. Edmunds, labor.....		13.50	13.50
Levi Barker, labor.....		3.00	3.00
A. Marston, labor.....		3.00	3.00
Wesley Lane, labor.....		1.50	1.50
Wm. Lane, labor.....		3.00	3.00
Chas. Bain, labor.....		3.00	3.00
Mark Fisk, team.....		5.25	5.25
M. C. Hopper, tractor.....		61.12	61.12
Leonard Hill, tractor.....		20.25	20.25
C. N. Lane, tools.....		5.85	5.85
Geo. W. Dixon, 60 loads gravel at 15c per load		9.00	9.00
C. A. Pollard, 44 loads gravel at 15c per load..		6.60	6.60
Mrs. Mary Chase, 125 loads gravel at 15c per load.....		18.75	18.75
Totals.....	\$75.82	\$1,591.52	\$1,667.34
Amount on hand after auditing, Jan. 1924....			\$125.02
Amount deposited in Exeter Banking Co., 1924			1,600.00
			<hr/> \$1,725.02
Checks drawn.....			1,667.34
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Check Book and Bank Balance.....			\$57.68

February 2, 1925.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Highway Agent Charles J. Brewster and find it correctly cast, properly vouched and himself charged with an unexpended balance of fifty-seven dollars and sixty eight cents (\$57.68).

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

REPORT OF CHARLES E. JEWELL, ROAD AGENT

	Summer	Winter 1923-1923	Road Bushes	Agent Winter 1924
Michael Butler.....	\$39.38			
Michael Butler, Jr.....	13.50			
Henry Blaney.....	13.50			
Chas. H. Chase.....	31.50	22.89		
Geo. Chapman.....	164.75	2.00		
DeWitt Chapman.....	76.50			
Russell Chapman.....	19.50	3.00		
R. E. Daughenbaugh.....	82.69	34.51		
Exeter Lumber Co.....	60.60			
Roy Feeney.....	18.00		40.50	
M. C. Hopper & Son.....	54.50	64.13		
F. L. Jewell.....	18.51	34.28		
A. H. Jewell.....	76.50	34.76		
C. E. Jewell.....	301.00	58.38	68.25	10.60
W. A. Scamman.....	15.20	62.00		
G. A. Thompson.....	21.00			
William Wentworth.....	57.00	7.88	46.50	
Nelson, Barker.....		51.81		
G. L. Barker.....		1.88		
Geo. Bowley.....		10.02		
Geo. Brewster.....		91.38		
Archie Chipman.....		1.87		
Geo. Cammett.....		5.25		
M. S. Chase.....		11.25		
Carl Barker.....		3.00		
E. W. Carboneau.....		28.71		
Geo. Dixon.....		3.38		
Geo. Dunton.....		9.37		
John French.....		6.00		
Treffle Guilmetto.....		7.88		
Chas. Grant.....		7.03		
Howard Gowen.....		14.00		
William Holland.....		1.50		
H. L. Jewell.....		46.75		
Vesta Leuchte.....		12.76		
W. D. Littlefield.....		2.63		
Chas. Larrabee.....		3.00		
William McLane.....		6.75		
W. A. Marston.....		7.50		
C. D. Pace.....		111.89		
J. T. Roby.....		2.82		
A. St. Denis.....		35.25		
Irving Scammon.....		6.00		
Chas. Spaulding.....		6.00		

	Summer	Winter 1923-1923	Road Bushes	Agent Winter 1924
N. D. Tilton.....		5.82		
Perley Wells.....		67.38		
Perley Wells, Jr.....		15.00		
Howard Wiggin.....		6.00		
Percy Walton.....		6.00		
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	\$1,063.63	\$916.71	\$155.25	\$13.60

Deposits, Balance 1924:

	\$253.63
	250.00
	600.00
	250.00
	200.00
	400.00
	400.00
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	\$2,353.63
Summer.....	\$1,063.63
Snow Paths, '23-24	916.71
Snow paths.....	13.60
Bushes.....	155.25
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	\$2,149.19
Balance.....	204.44
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	\$2,353.63
Deposits.....	\$2,353.63

February 2, 1925.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Highway Agent Charles E. Jewell and find it correctly cast, properly vouched and himself charged with an unexpended balance of two hundred and four dollars and forty four cents (\$204.44).

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

TOWN HALL

Report of C. J. Brewster, Janitor, Town Hall

Entertainments.....	\$32.50	
Junior Order.....	3.00	
Dances and Whist Party.....	15.00	
Grange.....	10.00	
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		\$60.50

Expense

C. J. Brewster, Janitor.....	\$28.50	
Free Meetings.....	13.50	
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		\$42.00
Paid Treas. Barker.....	18.50	
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		\$60.50

Town Clerk's Report

Town of Stratham, Dr., to Charles N. Lane

January 31, 1925

Issuing Auto Permits.....	\$41.50
Recording Vital Statistics.....	3.50
Attending Elections.....	9.00
Service as Clerk.....	45.00
Service as Dog Officer.....	10.00
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	\$109.00

ACCOUNT OF DOG OFFICER, CHARLES N. LANE

Amount of license fees committed for collection.....	\$123.00	
Amount collected.....	\$108.00	
Uncollected.....	15.00	
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	\$123.00	\$123.00
Fees for licenses.....		\$10.50
Paid Treasurer Barker.....		89.25
Amount in hand.....		8.25
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		\$108.00

February 3, 1925.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Dog Officer Charles N. Lane, and find it correct with a balance of eight dollars

and twenty five cents in his hands and fifteen dollars in uncollected licenses.

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H PEARSON,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

AUTO PERMIT REPORT

January 31st, 1925.

Received for Auto Permits.....	\$950 .04
Paid to Geo. L. Barber.....	950 .04

February 3, 1925.

We have this day examined the account of Town Clerk Charles N. Lane and find that he has received the sum of nine hundred fifty dollars and four cents for auto permits and that he has paid a like sum to Treasurer Geo. L. Barker taking his receipt therefor.

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

Report of Tax Collector

1924

To collect	\$17,034.36	
Interest		9.87
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		\$17,044.23
Paid Treasurer	\$15,087.83	
Discount	283.52	
Uncollected	1,672.88	
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	\$17,044.23	

JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE,
Collector.

Jan. 31, 1925.

February 3, 1925.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Collector James E. Stockbridge and find it correctly cast and properly vouched with a balance of uncollected taxes of one thousand six hundred seventy two dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$1,672.88).

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

1923

To collect	\$1,611.53	
Interest		48.13
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		\$1,659.66

Paid Treasurer.....	\$1,540.82
Sold.....	86.16
Abatements.....	5.00
Uncollected.....	27.68

\$1,659.66

JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE,

Collector.

February 3, 1925.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Collector James E. Stockbridge and find it correctly cast and properly vouched with a balance of uncollected taxes for the year of 1923 of (\$27.68.)

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

1922

Uncollected tax.....	\$17.82
Interest.....	2.77
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	\$20.59
Paid Treasurer.....	\$20.59

JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE,

Collector.

February 3, 1925.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Collector James E. Stockbridge and find it correct and with proper vouchers.

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors

Wiggin Memorial Library

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Feb. 1, 1924	Balance on hand.....	\$99.02	
Nov. 28,	Frank H. Pearson, income from Amanda Lane Fund.....	29.75	
Jan. 13, 1925	From M. J. Roberts Fund..	6.71	
Jan. 31,	Fines.....	\$9.38	
	Less expenses.....	7.89	
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		\$1.50	\$1.50
	Annual Appropriation...	27.60	
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			\$164.58

Payments

Feb. 11, 1924	W. P. Goodman.....	\$42.78	
Mar. 31,	W. P. Goodman.....	5.40	
May 7,	W. P. Goodman.....	21.83	
Oct. 13,	W. P. Goodman.....	41.33	
May 14,	W. P. Goodman.....	1.58	
Nov. 4,	W. P. Goodman.....	9.68	
28,	W. P. Goodman.....	13.50	
Jan. 31, 1925	Balance on hand.....	28.48	
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\$164.58

February 2, 1925.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Library Trustee, Geo. L. Barker and find it correctly cast, properly vouched

and himself charged with an unexpended balance of twenty eight dollars and forty eight cents (\$28.48).

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

BOOKS, 1924

Siege.....	Adams, Samuel Hopkin
Laughing Last.....	Abbott, Jane
Tom Swift and His Wireless Message.....	Appleton, Victor
Pride and Prejudice.....	Austin, Jane
Judy.....	Bailey, Temple
Peacock Feathers.....	Bailey, Temple
Follow the Ball.....	Barbour, Ralph Henry
Spaniard's Cave.....	Barbour, Ralph Henry
The Fighting Scrub.....	Barbour, Ralph Henry
The Pennant Family.....	Beale, Anne
For Love of Country.....	Brady, Cyrus Townsend
The Red Lodge.....	Bridges, Victor
The Three Hostages.....	Buchan, John
The Cross Word Puzzle Book.....	Buranelli, Prosper
The Common Law.....	Chambers, Robert W.
Lions 'n Tigers 'n Everything.....	Cooper, Courtney Ryley
The Golden Cocoon.....	Cross, Ruth
A Gentleman of Courage.....	Curwood, James Oliver
The Valley of Silent Men.....	Curwood, James Oliver
David Copperfield.....	Dickens, Charles
Oliver Twist.....	Dickens, Charles
Addresses.....	Drummond, Henry
A Hunt on Snow Shoes.....	Ellis, Edward S.
The Boy Chums in Florida Jungle.....	Ely, Wilmer M.
The Boy Chums in the Forest.....	Ely, Wilmer M.
Madame Claire.....	Ertz, Susan
Nina.....	Ertz, Susan
So Big.....	Ferber, Edna
The River of Seven Stars.....	Firel, Arthur
None So Blind.....	Fitch, Albert Parker

The Soldier's Story	Goss, Warren Lee
American Nights Entertainment	Grant, Overton
Greylight	Greene, Anne Bosworth
Riders of the Purple Sage	Grey, Zane
The Call of the Canyon	Grey, Zane
The Young Lion Hunter	Grey, Zane
Recreations	Hill (Lutz), Grace L.
The City of Fire	Hill (Lutz), Grace L.
The Covered Wagon	Hough, Emerson
Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus	Irving, Washington
The Slave Ship	Johnston, Mary
The Enchanted Hill	Kyne, Peter B.
Rugged Water	Lincoln, Joseph C.
The Coming of Amos	Locke, William J.
Little Prudy Stories	May, Sophie
East of the Setting Sun	McCutcheon, George Barr
The Devonshers	Morrow, Honore Willsie
Rose of the World	Norris, Kathleen
The Callahan's and the Murphy's	Norris, Kathleen
Massachusetts Beautiful	Nutting, Wallace
New Hampshire Beautiful	Nutting, Wallace
Vermont Beautiful	Nutting, Wallace
Slippy McGee	Oemler, Marie Conway
The Purple Heights	Oemler, Marie Conway
Two Shall Be Born	Oemler, Marie Conway
Michiel's Evil Deeds	Oppenheim, Phillips
The Worth to Come	Oppenheim, Phillips
The Locked Book	Packard, Frank
Four Bells	Paine, Ralph D.
The Head Coach	Paine, Ralph D.
Waves of Destiny	Pedler, Margaret
Belgian Twins	Perkins, Lucy Fitch
The Test of Donald Norton	Pinkerton, Robert
Walker of the Secret Service	Post, Melville Davisson
Young People's Life of Lincoln	Putnam, Harriet
Vandemark's Folly	Quick, Herbert
Beautiful America	Quinn, Vernon
Red of the Redfields	Richmond, Grace S.
With Juliet in England	Richmond, Grace S.
Life and Work of James G. Blaine	Ridpath, John Clark

Stories of the Great West	Roosevelt, Theodore
Scaramouche	Sabaine, Rafael
The Little French Girl	Sedgewich, Annie D.
Pollyana of the Orange Blossoms	Smith, Harriet
Travel Notes of an Octogenarian	Smith, W. Spooner
Heidi	Spyre, Johanna
Robin Hood and His Merry Men	Sterling, Sarah Hawks
The Girl from Alsace	Stevenson, Burton
Penrod	Tarkington, Booth
The Midlander	Tarkington, Booth
Tiger's Claw	Terhune, Albert P.
Frene	Terhune, Albert P.
An Island Garden	Thaxter, Celia
The Green Ray	Thompson, Vance
The Needle's Eye	Train, Arthur
Deep in the Hearts of Men	Walker, Mary E.
The Furthest Fury	Wells, Carolyn
The Outline of History	Wells, G. H.
Under the Red Robe	Weyman, Stanley
A Son at the Front	Wharton, Edith
Boris, the Bear Hunter	Whishaw, Fred
The Glory Hole	White, Stewart Edward
General George E. Custer	Whittaker, Frederick
Letters of Celia Thaxter	A. F. and R. I.
Love is law	
Arabian Nights	
The Errand Boy	

Number of bound volumes added by purchase	75
Number of bound volumes added by gift	38
Number of volumes of fiction lent	1,539
Number of volumes of non-fiction lent	19
Number of volumes of juvenile fiction lent	155
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Total circulation	1,713
Fines taken during year	\$9.39
Spent for Library	7.89
Number of new borrowers during year	19

School Report

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

Receipts

Balance on hand as per audit.....		\$74.37
Received from Geo. L. Barker, Treas.....	\$7,453.75	
Received from State Treasurer:		
Equalization Fund.....	1,545.05	
Received from Geo. L. Barker—Dog Tax.....	96.25	
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		\$9,169.42

Disbursements

Salaries District Officers:

Florence G. Brierly.....	\$10.00	
W. Leslie Dining.....	30.00	
Marshall S. Chase.....	12.00	
Willard Barker.....	7.95	
Walter Scammon.....	2.00	
Frank H. Pearson.....	35.00	
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		\$96.95
Excess salary, Superintendent.....		\$180.00
Expenses of Administration.....		13.85
Scholars' Supplies.....		97.50
Text Books.....		119.93
Fuel.....		195.38
Medical Inspection.....		25.00
Per Capita Tax.....		216.00
New Equipment.....		66.07
Janitors' Supplies.....		10.83
Minor repairs.....		59.61

Janitors:

Division I.....	54.00
Division II.....	54.00
Division III.....	37.00
Division IV.....	37.00

\$182.00

Teachers' Salaries:

Edna M. Crane, Div. I.....	\$810.00
Gwendolyn Woods, Div. I.....	40.00
Beatrice L. Sterling, Div. II.....	873.60
Eleanor M. Morrill, Div. III.....	850.00
Wilhelmina E. Cox, Div. IV.....	828.03
Grace Smith, Div. IV.....	22.97
Esther Coombs, Music.....	177.50

\$3,602.10

High School Tuition:

Robinson Seminary.....	\$1,202.00
Tuck High School.....	1,275.00
Portsmouth High School.....	140.00

\$2,617.00

Balance on hand..... 1,687.20

\$9,169.42

Stratham, N. H., July 14, 1924.

I have this day examined the accounts of School Treasurer, Frank H. Pearson, and find them properly cast and correctly vouched with a balance on hand of \$1,687.20.

ALICE S. JEWELL,

Auditor.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Stratham, N. H.

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as superintendent of the Stratham schools.

There are three essential conditions found in all good schools, without which no school can do its best work: first a good teacher, second a good sized body of mentally and physically healthy pupils interested in school, and third a sufficiently long school year.

I said in my last report that the teachers of our schools from September 1923 to June 1924 constituted the best teaching force we have had within my knowledge. I am confident that we can safely say that our present force possesses all the good qualities of the last one together with the added advantage of more extended professional training. The efficient teacher naturally compels good attendance on schools, so when I say that the attendance for the twenty-two weeks of the current year has been about 97 per cent it can safely be inferred that the teachers add to the attractiveness of the schools.

That the pupils are in better physical health this year than we sometimes find them is made plain in Table IV with this report. A condition prevails in Stratham that I know of in no other school district, namely, no child in school is unvaccinated against small pox without excuse. For this the local Health Officer deserves much praise. This state of good health contributes to the second essential of a good school.

Pupils in a good school are not only well and interested in school; that is, teachable, but they are with the teacher a sufficiently large number of days in the year. Your deliberate lengthening of the school year by one week, to thirty seven weeks, has added much to the effectiveness of the Stratham schools. We had on the average one hundred seventy three days of schooling last year whereas under the old arrangement, we would have had one hundred sixty eight days. With proper education in the matter of holidays and with a new arrangement of vacations after Christ-

mas we could come still nearer to the ideal of one hundred eighty days, to say nothing of avoiding at least two broken weeks. I hope the plan may be adopted for next year.

I recommend that in these essentials of education, that is, good teachers and healthy, interested children in the schools a long time, we take no backward step but rather plan for further improvement.

Stratham has been generous to the children in other matters than these three essentials, matters which contribute so much and so evidently to good schools; I refer to buildings, books, fuel, roads, etc. But the time has come, I think, for more extensive repairs and improvements than have been made recently. The Winnicutt school is in great need of more light. Of course it requires only a moment's reflection to make us realize the importance of our childrens' eyes, now and in later life. If a tree were removed on the north side of the school and an extra window inserted there, a remedy would be had for what is now almost an intolerable condition at certain seasons. This building should be painted on the outside and inside, the underpinning should be repaired, and its comfort for the children, most of whom now are small should be brought to the maximum by putting a jacket on the stove and placing the stove in the proper place in the room. The desk should be replaced by new ones or refinished. The plaster of the Ridge School should be whitened and the desk tops refinished. A jacket on the stove at the Plains School would add greatly to the comfort of the pupils there. The varnish on the desks at this school is nearly worn off and should be renewed.

The use to which the Winnicutt School is being put at the present time, that of community gatherings, is very much worth while. Already the room is more homelike and the interest of the pupils deepening. It is probable that if the Stratham schools were consolidated into one central building their general average efficiency would increase, but in a consolidated school it would be difficult to hold community gatherings of the whole town. Such meetings as the Winnicutt district supports form the best argument for the one room school.

The results obtained by Miss Coombs, the teacher of music, vary greatly in the different schools, not by reason of varied effort on her part but on account of differences in natural aptitude for

music to be found in the different schools. I think the sum spent for music is well spent.

It is with a deep appreciation of your support and your interest in schools and teachers that this report is

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON A. TOWLE,

Superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 16.

Exeter, N. H., Feb. 12, 1925.

TABLE I.

Statistics for Six Years ending June 30, 1924.

School Year	Number Weeks	Boys	Girls	Total Pupils	Average Attendance	Average Absence	Ave. Membership	Percent of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Visits of Superintendent	Visits by School Board	Visits by Others	Average Salary
1918—19	36	51	34	85	61.96	6.76	68.76	90	312		44	260	\$513.00
1919—20	36	44	42	86	60	6	66	91	300	58	14	246	710.00
1920—21	36	30	35	65	51	2	53	96	369	71	18	299	722.00
1921—22	36	32	30	62	48	3	51	94	119	68	7	189	740.00
1922—23	36	36	36	72	48	5	53	90	278	64	0	145	856.00
1923—24	37	39	30	69	54.10	3.65	57.75	94	111	60	0	81	900.00

TABLE II.

Statistics for School Year Ending June 30, 1924

SCHOOLS	Weeks in Year	Boys	Girls	Total	Average Daily Attendance	Average Daily Absence	Average Membership	Per cent of Attendance	No. Cases Tardiness	No. Visits of Supt.	No. Visits of School Board	No. Visits Others
Str'th'm Hill	37	4	12	16	12.82	1.06	13.88	92	81	16	0	6
Ridge School	37	15	9	24	19.17	1.1	20.27	94	0	14	0	17
Plains School	37	7	4	11	9.89	.19	10.08	98	13	15	0	31
Winnicutt	37	13	5	18	12.22	1.30	13.52	90	17	15	0	27
All Schools	37	39	30	69	54.10	3.65	57.75	94	111	60	0	81

TABLE III

Record of Perfect Attendance

1923—1924

Three Terms

Arthur Kelly
Jessie Wiggin

John Parkman
Norman Wiggin

Marjorie Parkman
W. Douglass Scamman

Two Terms

Harold Chase
Maurice Lane
Vernon Smith

Muriel Dining
Maurice Le Roy
Doris Niggins

Louise Fisk
Lewis Smith
George H. Williams

One Term

Florence Chase
Barbara Holmes

George Dolloff
Natalie McIntyre
Melvin Wells

Dorothy Fish
Robert Wiggin

TABLE IV

MEDICAL INSPECTION

Dr. C. W. Colby, School Physician

	1924
Number of pupils examined.....	54
Number of card notices sent to parents.....	22
Number cases found of:	
Malnutrition.....	31
Defective vision.....	1
Defective hearing.....	0
Anaemia.....	0
Defective teeth.....	24
Hypertrophied tonsils.....	17
Adenoids.....	2
Defects of breathing.....	3
Enlarged glands.....	14
Unvaccinated.....	0
Other defects.....	1

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham
qualified to vote in District Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fourteenth day of March, 1925, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To see if the district will vote to raise \$500.00 for repairs on the school houses and make appropriation for same.

Given under our hands at said Stratham, this 18th day of Feb. 1925.

M. S. CHASE,
WILLARD BARKER,
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,

School Board of Stratham.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

M. S. CHASE,
WILLARD BARKER,
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,

School Board of Stratham.

REQUIRED REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD TO THE
DISTRICT ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED
FOR SCHOOLS JULY 1, 1925—JUNE 30, 1926.

1. A \$3.50 tax on each \$1,000 of 1924 inventory for schools in the district (statutory) included in 3A below	\$1,854.73
2. Budget for school year, July 1, 1925—June 30, 1926:	
A. Estimated requirements for elementary schools:	
I. Teachers	3,680.00
II. Janitors, supplies, cleaning, etc.	250.00
III. Fuel	400.00
IV. Incidental repairs (may be 5% school money)	100.00
V. Text-books and pupils supplies	150.00
VI. Flags and appurtenances	10.00
VII. Health supervision or medical inspection	25.00
Total	\$4,615.00
B. Estimated requirement for high school(tuitions)	\$3,000.00
Total	\$3,000.00
C. Estimated requirement for district officers' salaries	280.00
D. Estimated requirement for per capita tax (statutory)	224.00
	\$8,119.00
Total	\$504.00

3. Proposed revenue to meet the budget:

A. For elementary schools—a \$5.00 tax per \$1,000 of equalized valuation (a prerequisite for state aid).....	\$3,163.99
B. For high schools—an assessment for tuitions..	3,000.00
C. To be furnished by state (see laws of 1921, 125:7).....	949.80
D. Estimated receipts for dog tax.....	90.00
E. Balance to be raised.....	915.21
Total.....	<hr/> \$8,119.00

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1924.

Date	Name of Child	No.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
April 2	Eleanor Mae.....	1	Frank Wentworth...	Clara Colcord.....	Stratham, N. H.....	Brentwood, N. H.
June 10	Ernest W.....	3	Ernest E. Parkhurst.	Harriet M. Tabor....	Barre, Vt.....	Barre, Vt.
Sept. 22	Phyllis Anne.....	2	Fred A. Wentworth..	Florence Gamlin.....	Stratham, N. H.....	Exeter, N. H.
Oct. 30	Ruth Robina.....	2	Harold W. Leach....	Hughena L. Coburn...	Ashland, Mass.....	Nova Scotia

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1924

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	By whom Married
June	5 Stratham.....	Earl William Price.....	23	Lincoln.....	Will B. Price..... Inez M. Dobran.....	Albert C. Lane, Justice of Peace
		Gertrude G. Hildreth..	21	Franklin, N. H.....	Lester A. Hildreth..... Grace M. Hastings.....	
August	19 Greenland, N. H..	Percy Hanley Hodgdon	23	Stratham.....	Daniel Hodgdon..... Warren Withem.....	Rev. Elmer F. Newell
		Emma May Withern...	18	Stratham.....	Alma Hanley..... Georgia Barnaby.....	
April	28 Stratham.....	Harold S. Varney.....	19	Ossipee, N. H.....	Frank E. Varney..... Etta Flanders.....	Rev. J. N. LeRoy
		Alice G. White.....	18	Stratham, N. H.....	Benjamin White..... Jennie J. Wentworth	

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1924

Date	Name and Surname	Age			Place of Birth	Condition	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days				
Jan. 9	Mullina F. Parkman	76	5	2	Stratham	M	James M. Robinson	Deborah A. Robinson
Feb. 21	Frederick A. Caverley	78	10	26	Barrington	S	Hanson Caverley	Lucretia E. Foss
April 28	Emma A. Berry	68		19	New Brunswick	M	Daniel J. Sherwood	Eliza A. Case
May 2	Mabel T. Jewell	22	1	29	Concord	M	Joseph N. Fish	Fannie L. Tilton
June 1	George W. Chase	70	1	11	Stratham	M	John W. Chase	Sarah F. Marston
Oct. 21	Emma T. Larrabee	59	1	25	Boston, Mass.	M	James Patterson	Martha Capen
Oct. 21	Charles W. Dearborn	72	1	18	Saugus, Mass.	M	Adiniram J. Dearborn	Abbie Folson

BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

Feb. 7	William E. Clapp	64	4	22		M		
Mar. 14	Annie Lane Hammon	89	6	13			Joseph M. Wiggin	Ina Dow
April 4	Wiggin (Baby)			3				
Dec. 2	George Furner	80			England	S		

